

**CONDITIONS FOR THE PERMANENT IMPORTATION OF HORSES  
INTO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FROM THE UNITED STATES**

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Welfare Department (MAF/AWD) before shipment.
2. To obtain an Import Permit, a fully completed Import Permit Application must be submitted to the UAE MAF/AWD [Fax: **(00971) 4 3313322** or **(00971) 4 3325464**]. At UAE MAF/AWD's discretion, copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.
3. The horse must be subjected to tests for the following diseases (see attached Model Health Certificate for details):
  - i. Equine infectious anemia.
  - ii. Equine viral arteritis (where appropriate - see attached Model Health Certificate for options). [Note: This requirement is applicable only to uncastrated male animals over 180 days of age.]
  - iii. Vesicular stomatitis (where appropriate - see attached Model Health Certificate for options).
  - iv. Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis (where appropriate - see attached Model Health Certificate for options).

The above tests are to be carried out in a laboratory approved for that purpose by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

4. Vaccinations
  - i All horses must be fully vaccinated against equine influenza - see attached Model Health Certificate for details. [**Note: Where a booster only is entered, certified proof of previous vaccinations must accompany the health certificate.**]
  - ii. Other vaccinations may also be necessary - see attached Model Health Certificate for details.
5. West Nile fever – Horses which are resident in States where West Nile virus has been found require additional certification - see attached Model Health Certificate for details.

6. When horses are sent to the UAE, they must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued by a veterinarian approved by the USDA to carry out export certification and endorsed by a USDA veterinarian. The certificate should be similar to, and contain all the information asked for and provided in, the attached Model Health Certificate. Please read the certificate carefully to ensure that all parts are fully complied with. Dates must be inserted and deletions made where appropriate.
7. Upon arrival in the UAE, the horse will be subjected to a minimum of 6 days' isolation in an officially approved Isolation Center and will be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the Ministry of Agriculture. Should the horse fail any of the tests, or fail to comply with the conditions of import, including lacking proper certification, it may be required to be re-exported at the owner's expense or destroyed.
8. All horses must arrive by air at one of the approved International Airports - Dubai, Abu Dhabi, or Sharjah - unless special authority is granted for landing elsewhere.
9. Charges

There will be a charge covering quarantine fees and Ministry of Agriculture fees. An invoice will be issued shortly after the horse enters post-import isolation. Delay in payment may delay release of the horse, with subsequent additional costs. Details of charges are available upon request.

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR PERMANENT EXPORT TO THE  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OF HORSES FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Ministry responsible: USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

**I. Identification of the Animal**

| "Species"<br>(horse, ass, mule,<br>hinny) | Breed | Age | Sex | Method of Identification and Identification* |
|---|-------|-----|-----|--|
|   |       |     |     |  |

\* A passport identifying the equine animal may be attached to this certificate provided that its number is stated.

(a) No. of identification document (passport): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Validated by: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Origin and Destination of the Animal**

The animal is to be sent from: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place of export)

Directly to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place of destination)

By rail/truck/aircraft/ship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indic. means of transp. and reg. marks, flight no., and reg. name, as approp.)

Name and address of consignor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of consignee \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### III. Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that the animal described above meets the following requirements:

- (a) The animal comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis [of all types, including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE)], equine infectious anemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, and anthrax;
- (b) The animal has been examined today and shows no clinical signs of disease;<sup>1</sup>
- (c) The animal is not intended for slaughter under a national program of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d) During the 3 months immediately preceding the exportation (or since birth if the animal is less than 3 months old or since entry if it was imported directly from the European Community during the previous 3 months), the animal has been resident in the United States or Canada on holdings under veterinary supervision; and during the 30 days prior to export, it has been kept apart from equidae not of equivalent health status in pre-export isolation facilities approved by the USDA;
- (e) The animal comes from the territory or, in cases of official regionalization according to Community legislation, from a part of the territory of a third country in which:
  - i) VEE has not occurred during the last 2 years;
  - ii) Dourine has not occurred during the last 6 months;
  - iii) Glanders has not occurred during the last 6 months;
  - iv) Vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the last 6 months;<sup>2</sup>

OR

Vesicular stomatitis has occurred during the last 6 months and a blood sample was collected from the animal within 21 days of export (on \_\_\_\_\_) and subjected to a virus neutralization test for vesicular stomatitis with negative results at a dilution of 1:12;<sup>2,3</sup>

- v) Equine viral arteritis has not been officially recorded during the last 6 months;<sup>2,4</sup>

OR

Equine viral arteritis has been officially recorded during the last 6 months and a blood sample from the animal was taken within 21 days of export (on \_\_\_\_\_) and subjected to a virus neutralization test with negative results at a dilution of 1:4;<sup>2,3,4</sup>

OR

Equine viral arteritis has been officially recorded during the last 6 months and a semen sample from the animal was obtained within 21 days of export (on \_\_\_\_\_) and subjected to a virus isolation test with negative results;<sup>2,3,4</sup>

OR

Equine viral arteritis (EVA) has been officially recorded during the last 6 months and the animal was vaccinated against EVA under the supervision of a USDA or USDA-accredited veterinarian on \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the following program for initial vaccination; a USDA-licensed vaccine was employed and the animal has been revaccinated with such a vaccine at regular intervals;<sup>2,3,4</sup>

Programs for initial vaccination against equine viral arteritis:

Instruction: Cross out the vaccination programs that do not apply to the animal described.

- \* Vaccination was carried out on the day a blood sample was taken that was subsequently subjected to a virus neutralization test and found negative at a dilution of 1:4;
- \* Vaccination was carried out during a period of isolation of not more than 15 days under the supervision of a USDA or USDA-accredited veterinarian, commencing on the day a blood sample was taken that was subsequently subjected to a virus neutralization test and found negative at a dilution of 1:4;
- \* Vaccination was carried out when the animal was at an age of 180 to 270 days, during a period of isolation under the supervision of a USDA or USDA-accredited veterinarian. During the isolation period, two blood samples taken at least 10 days apart were each subjected to a virus neutralization test, the results of which showed the animal to have a stable or declining antibody titer;

- (f) The animal does not come the territory or from a part of the territory of a third country considered, in accordance with EC legislation, as infected with African horse sickness and:

It was not vaccinated against African horse sickness;<sup>2</sup>

OR

It was vaccinated against African horse sickness on \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>2,3</sup>

- (g) The animal does not come from, and has not had contact with equidae from, premises that were subject to restrictions for animal health reasons:<sup>2</sup>

- i) During 6 months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease were slaughtered;
- ii) In the case of equine infectious anemia, until the date on which the infected animals were slaughtered; the remaining animals have been subjected to two Coggins tests conducted 3 months apart with negative results;
- iii) During 6 months in the case of vesicular stomatitis;
- iv) During 1 month from the last recorded case, with respect to rabies;
- v) During 15 days from the last recorded case, with respect to anthrax;

OR

The animal comes from premises that in the recent past were subject to restrictions for animal health reasons; however, all animals of species susceptible to the disease were slaughtered or otherwise disposed of and the premises disinfected at least 30 days ago (15 days in the case of anthrax);<sup>2</sup>

- (h) The animal shows no clinical signs of contagious equine metritis (CEM) and it does not come from premises where there has been any suspicion of CEM during the past 2 months; it has had no direct (i.e., through coitus) or indirect contact with equidae infected, or suspected of being infected, with the causal agent of CEM;
- (i) To the best of my knowledge, the animal has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the last 15 days;

(j) A sample of the animal's blood was collected within 21 days of export (on \_\_\_\_\_) and subjected to a Coggins test for equine infectious anemia with negative results;

(k) The animal was not vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis;<sup>2</sup>

OR

The animal was vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis on \_\_\_\_\_, this being at least 7 months prior to export;<sup>2</sup>

(l) The animal was administered a dose of inactivated Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis vaccine on \_\_\_\_\_, this being at least 30 days but not more than 6 months prior to export;<sup>2,3</sup>

OR

Blood samples from the animal were collected 21 days apart (with the second collected within 10 days of export) and subjected to hemagglutination inhibition tests for Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, the results of which show it to have a stable or declining antibody titer;<sup>2</sup>

(m) Between 15 and 60 days immediately prior to export, the animal received:

Two primary vaccinations against equine influenza in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations; Date of 1st vaccination \_\_\_\_\_;  
Date of 2nd vaccination \_\_\_\_\_; Name of vaccine \_\_\_\_\_;  
Name of manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_; Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_;<sup>2</sup>

OR

A booster dose to a previously certified course of primary vaccination against equine influenza; Date of booster vaccination \_\_\_\_\_;  
Name of vaccine \_\_\_\_\_; Name of manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_;  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_;<sup>2</sup>

(n) The animal has not, during the last 30 days, been in any State in which vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed in the previous 6 months; and has not, during the last 30 days, been in contact with livestock that have, during the last 30 days, been in a State in which VS has been diagnosed in the last 6 months or that have been on infected premises in the last 60 days;

(o) The animal has not:

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During the 30 days immediately prior to export, been resident in any State in which evidence of West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in the previous 6 months;<sup>2</sup>

OR

During the 30 days immediately prior to export, been resident on any premises where clinical cases of disease associated with West Nile virus (WNV) have been identified during this time; and has been treated (in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions) with a repellent effective against WNV vectors during any period, in the 15 days immediately prior to export, that it was in a State in which evidence of WNV has been detected in the previous 6 months.

Name of product \_\_\_\_\_; Active ingredient(s) \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>2</sup>

#### **IV. Transport Vehicle**

The animal will be sent in a vehicle cleaned and disinfected in advance (the disinfectant will be one approved for such use in the United States), and designed so that droppings, litter, and fodder cannot escape during transport.

#### **V. Certificate Validity**

This certificate is valid for 10 days. In the case of transport by ship, the validity period is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of issuing USDA-accredited veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of USDA-accredited veterinarian/Date/Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of endorsing Federal veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Federal veterinarian and stamp/Date/Place  
[The color of the stamp must be different from that of the printing]

<sup>1</sup> The certificate must be issued on the day of loading the animal for export or, in the case of a registered horse, on the last working day before embarkation.

<sup>2</sup> Delete as appropriate.

<sup>3</sup> Insert date.

<sup>4</sup> Applicable only to uncastrated male animals more than 180 days of age.

*Note: For a registered animal, the identification document (passport) must list all vaccinations and tests (including results) performed.*



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### **DECLARATION OF OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE**

I \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned owner or representative of the animal described above,  
declare that:

1. The animal will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status. The transportation will be effected in such a way so as to properly protect the health and well-being of the animal.

2. The animal has remained in the United States either since birth or since entry if it was imported directly from the European Community, or it entered the United States at least 90 days prior to this declaration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place